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Re: SB1094 and SB1210.

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am here today representing the Rockville Fish and Game Club. We are a large club with members primarily from northeast Connecticut, but others from throughout the state.

We want you to know that we oppose SB1094 banning large capacity ammunition magazines. We do so for many reasons, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. Magazines greater than ten rounds are in widespread use. Passing this bill would create instant felons of a large portion of the legal gun owners in Connecticut.
2. Connecticut will experience a loss of jobs and tax revenue as state manufacturers are affected.
3. These magazines are widely used by us in home defense firearms.
4. These magazines are widely used by us in sporting competitions .
5. Previous legislation regarding this matter was a failure and was repealed.
6. A study by the Centers for Disease Control looked at this ban, and concluded that it could not be proven to reduce crime.
7. A study, commissioned by Congress, found that bans were not effective since "the banned weapons and magazines were never used in more than a modest fraction of all gun murders. The federal "Assault Gun" law (including magazine restrictions) was repealed.
8. Law enforcement personnel routinely utilize firearms which exceed ten round capacity (for example, law enforcement sales of the Glock Model 22 ,.40 Caliber pistol is standard with fifteen round magazines.).

9. Criminals will not obey this legislation.

Since the bill will not reduce crime, what is its purpose?

Since you as legislators are protected by law enforcement personnel with magazine capacities greater than ten rounds, and since criminals will always have access to large capacity magazines, why shouldn't law abiding gun owners have the same right? This is bad legislation. Repeal the so called state "assault gun" ban for all the same reasons .

Depriving us of our rights and liberty is wrong!

With regard to SB1210, we strongly support the bill because we believe the most fundamental right of all is that of personal protection. Our homes are our castles.

Thank you for listening.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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